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What is claimed is:

1 1. Control apparatus for a gas analyzer system, the gas analyzer system including a
2 plurality of gas analyzers each having a gas analyzer unit with a plurality of outputs for
3 analyzing a respective gas, a plurality of AD converters each having a plurality of inputs
4 respectively connected to the outputs of the gas analyzer unit according to a connection
5 condition, an internal bus connected to an output of each AD converter, and a memory unit
6 connected to the internal bus for storing a connection condition table which includes
7 information for the connection condition, said control apparatus comprising:

8 a CPU bus connected to said internal bus of each of the gas analyzers; and
9 an analyzer processing unit including a CPU connected to said CPU bus, said CPU
10 operating in accordance with a program for controlling each of said gas analyzers.

1 2. A gas analyzer system comprising:

2 a plurality of gas analyzers each including:

3 a gas analyzer unit for analyzing respectively specified gases and having a plurality
4 of outputs;

5 a plurality of AD converters each having a plurality of inputs respectively
6 connected to said plurality of outputs of said gas analyzer unit according to a
7 connection condition, each of said AD converters having an output;

8 an internal bus connected to said output of each of said AD converter; and

9 a memory unit connected to said internal bus for storing a connection condition
10 table which includes information for said connection condition;

11 a CPU bus connected to said internal bus of each said gas analyzer;

12 an analyzer processing unit including a CPU connected to said CPU bus, said CPU
13 operating in accordance with a program for controlling each of said gas analyzers.

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1 3. A gas analyzer system as claimed in claim 2 wherein:
2 each of said inputs of each of said AD converters has a port number and a channel
3 number assigned thereto; and
4 said connection condition table includes an AD converter changeover table;
5 said memory unit storing information in said AD converter changeover table in
6 including a port number of an input of an AD converter to be read and a channel number
7 assigned to said input to be read, in response to said CPU reading signals from each of said
8 gas analyzers per unit time, and providing said information sequentially per unit time.

1 4. A gas analyzer system as claimed in claim 3 wherein said connection condition table
2 includes a channel information table;
3 said channel information table including:
4 channel specific information indicative of said channel number;
5 gain for adjusting a signal input to said channel in one of said AD converters;
6 a spike flag indicative of spike noise;
7 a gain flag indicative of any gain needed to correct said outputs of said AD
8 converters; and
9 a numerical value indicative of measuring space.

1 5. A method for controlling a gas analyzer system, the gas analyzer system including a
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3 analyzing a respective gas, a plurality of AD converters each having a plurality of inputs
4 respectively connected to the outputs of the gas analyzer unit according to a connection
5 condition, an internal bus connected to an output of each AD converter, and a memory unit
6 connected to the internal bus for storing a connection condition table which includes
7 information for the connection condition, said method comprising:
8 providing an analyzer processing unit including a CPU connected to a CPU bus such
9 that said CPU bus is connected to the internal bus of each of the gas analyzers;
10 reading with said CPU the connection condition table stored in the memory unit of the
11 gas analyzers;

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reading with said CPU a signal input to the AD converter in the gas analyzers in accordance with the connection condition table stored in the memory unit, thereby reading out the input from the gas analyzer unit which outputs respectively different signals.

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